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## MONTANA BOARD OF HOUSING TO HOST REGIONAL SUMMIT

(HELENA)---Housing experts are expected to gather in Helena June 4 – June 6 at the Mountain Plains Regional Housing Summit, which is planned by the Montana Board of Housing. Board members and management from housing boards in Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Idaho, Nebraska, Wyoming, and Montana have been invited to attend.

The Mountain Plains Regional Housing Summit is an annual event which provides a forum for attendees to discuss best practices in their states. "The housing market in Montana has undergone some dramatic shifts over the last few years," said Governor Brian Schweitzer. "Land costs, construction costs, and smart growth issues affect many of our communities. The summit addresses similar challenges in our region and gives attendees the opportunity to collectively discuss trends and solutions with colleagues from surrounding states."

Other discussion topics at the summit include housing prices, needs of the elderly, and loans. For more information about the summit, contact Housing Promotions Manager Anastasia Burton at (406) 841-2846 or aburton@mt.gov.

The Montana Board of Housing is administratively attached to the Montana Department of Commerce. Since 1977, the MBOH has served 40,000 Montana families by financing nearly \$2.5 billion for affordable homeownership.

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